



CHAPTER 20
ARTICLE 7B - NOTIFICATION OF TOWING

N.C.G.S. § 20-219.20.

Requirement to give notice of vehicle towing.

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- § 20-219.20(a) Whenever a vehicle is towed at the request of a person other than the owner or operator of the vehicle, the tower shall provide the following information to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction through calling the 10-digit telephone number designated by the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction prior to moving the vehicle:
- (1) A description of the vehicle.
 - (2) The place from which the vehicle was towed.
 - (3) The place where the vehicle will be stored.
 - (4) The contact information for the person from whom the vehicle owner may retrieve the vehicle.

If the vehicle is impeding the flow of traffic or otherwise jeopardizing the public welfare so that immediate towing is necessary, the notice to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction may be provided by a tower within 30 minutes of moving the vehicle rather than prior to moving the vehicle. If a caller to a local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction can provide the information required under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, then a local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall provide to the caller the information provided under subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection. The local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall preserve the information required under this subsection for a period of not less than 30 days from the date on which the tower provided the information to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

§ 20-219.20(b)

This section shall not apply to vehicles that are towed at the direction of a law enforcement officer or to vehicles removed from a private lot where signs are posted in accordance with G.S. 20-219.2(a).

§ 20-219.20(c)

INFRACTION

Violation of this section shall constitute an infraction subject to a penalty of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). (2013-241, s. 1.)

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APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 20-219.2(a)	(b)	"signs are posted in accordance with"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-219.20 (2026).

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